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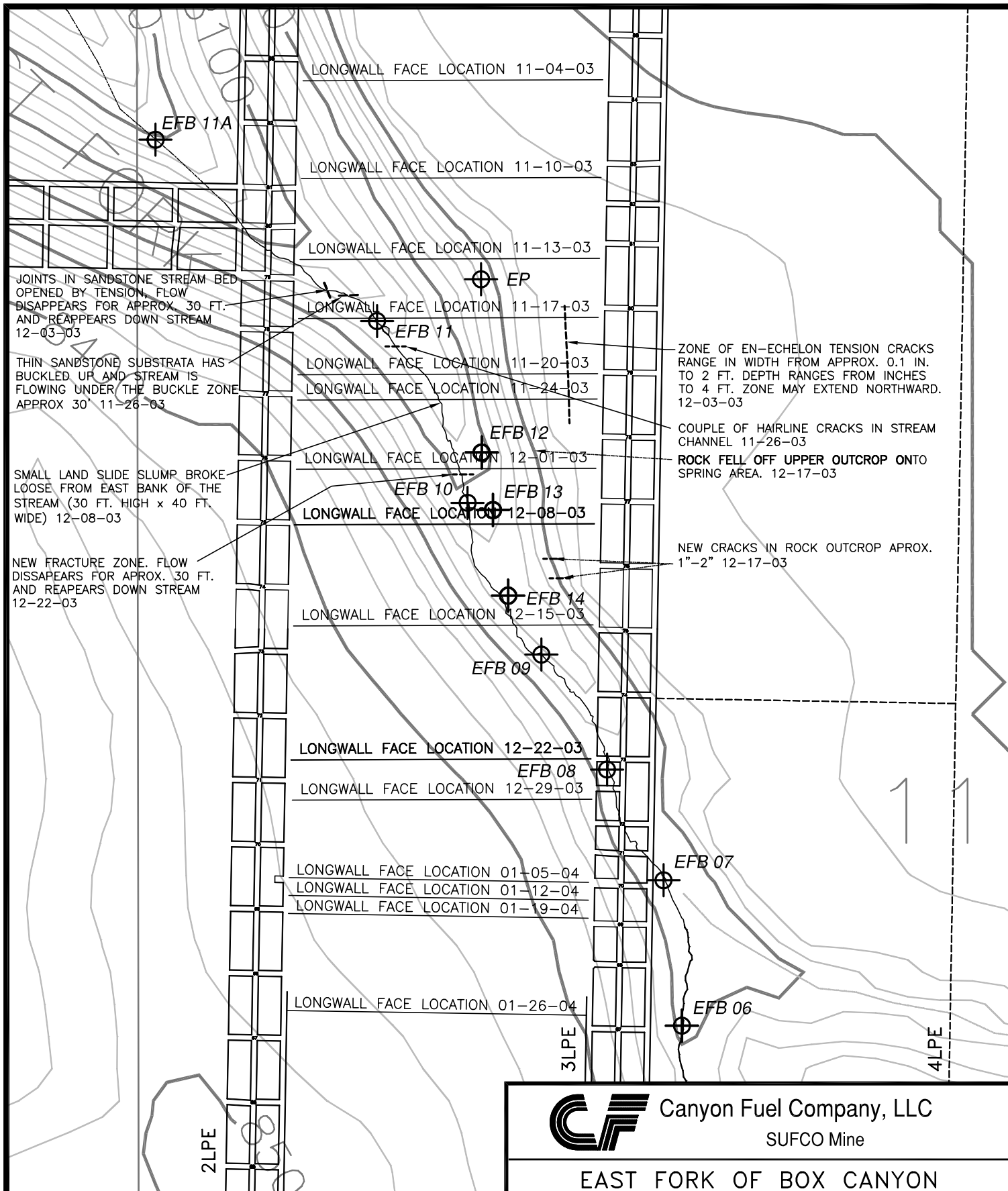
Steve Fluke and Jerriann Ernstsens of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining accompanied Mike Davis of Sufco, Chris Hansen of Canyon Fuel Company, Erik Petersen of Petersen Hydrologic, Inc., Tom Lloyd and Justin Bingham of the Manti-LaSal National Forest, Craig Walker of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and Neil and Garth Frandsen of Nelco Contractors on a monitoring tour of the East Fork of Box Canyon Creek on Wednesday, January 14, 2004. The purpose of the tour was to determine the merits of continuing to monitor the area under winter conditions. The general consensus of the group was that access to the monitoring sites is problematical, the snow and ice in the stream bottom made meaningful monitoring and observation difficult, and that since the longwall had progressed to a point where most of the monitoring sites were outside the subsidence angle of draw, continued monitoring at this time of the year was not worth the safety risks to the monitoring personnel.

Canyon Fuel Company LLC, Sufco Mine has mailed a formal request to the Division on January 27, 2004 proposing that the East Fork of Box Canyon Creek monitoring program be temporarily suspended until the spring of 2004. The actual date to revisit the monitoring sites will depend upon the snowmelt on the Pines plateau and in the canyon bottom. Sufco will monitor the access to the area and alert the appropriate agencies when it is reasonable and safe to re-enter the area. At that time, a suitable follow-up monitoring schedule would be agreed upon by the interested parties and implemented.

Attached is an updated face location map and Flow & subsidence monitoring spread sheet.

Mike

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LEGEND

- APPROXIMATE CRACK LOCATION
- SURVEYED CRACK LOCATION
- EFB MONITORING LOCATION



Canyon Fuel Company, LLC
SUFCO Mine

EAST FORK OF BOX CANYON WEEKLY MONITORING

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